

Parent/Carer Safeguarding Newsletter

December 2022

At Boldmere Infant and Nursery School, the safeguarding of our children is our highest priority.

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please email the address below with 'SAFEGUARDING' in the title. Emails are monitored by the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Kenny

Email: enquiry@boldmere-inf.bham.sch.uk

Carl Glasgow Executive Head teacher Designated Safeguarding Lead		Sam Kenny Head of School Designated Safeguarding Lead	
			
Katie Mason Assistant Head teacher Deputy Designated Lead	Rebecca Jones SENDco Deputy Designated Lead	Jennifer Beesley Assistant Head teacher Deputy Designated Lead	Kerry Precco Assistant Head teacher BIB Deputy Designated Lead
			
Safeguarding Governor: Holly Birkett			

If you think that a family requires wider support, please talk to a Designated Senior Lead about **Early Help**.

If you have concerns about a **member of staff**, please talk to the **Head of School**, Mrs Kenny or in her absence, the **Assistant Head Teachers**, Mrs Mason or Mrs Beesley immediately.

If you have concerns about the **Head of School**, please talk to the **Chair of Governors**, Greg Bloom immediately. (gbloom@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

CASS (Birmingham Children's Services) 0121 303 1888

NSPCC Whistleblowing hotline:
0800 028 0285

EVERYONE is responsible for Safeguarding.

Parental controls and online safety

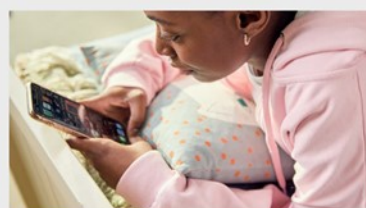
With Christmas fast approaching some children may be lucky enough to receive new electronic devices. The NSPCC website contains information on parental control and online safety and we would recommend that parents visit the site to read all guidance available on <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

NSPCC



Talking to your child about online safety

Advice on how to start the conversation and get support if you're worried.



Online wellbeing

Get advice on helping children to manage their mental wellbeing when they're online.



Parental controls

Get advice on setting up parental controls to help keep your child safe online.

Online use in school: NetSupport DNA

NetSupport DNA is a cloud-based safeguarding system for monitoring technology use in school.

In addition to web filtering, NetSupport DNA is used to monitor tablets and computers across school for certain keywords and phrases. Alerts are emailed to DSLs and Deputy DSLs who filter 'false' alerts and investigate any safeguarding concerns raised.



Operation Encompass



Operation Encompass is a police and school early intervention safeguarding information sharing partnership which supports children experiencing domestic violence and abuse.

Operation Encompass is based upon the national requirement to not only identify children in need of support but to also ensure that this support is put in place immediately.

Boldmere Infant and Nursery school work together with the police (our local safeguarding partner) to safeguard and promote the welfare of local children including identifying and responding to their needs.

Boldmere Infant and Nursery school receives information from the police following any incident of domestic violence/abuse. Information is shared by DSL as appropriate to ensure the child/children are supported at school the day after all reported incidents.

Designated Senior Lead, Mrs Kenny, attends yearly Operation Encompass training to ensure the effective safeguarding processes are in place.

Working together to safeguard children and all its requirements apply to ALL schools.

Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

“ Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience. ”

“ Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right¹. ”

“ We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care. ”

“ Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident ”

“ This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want. ”

“ We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this. ”

¹ Domestic Abuse Act 2021

www.operationencompass.org